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The U.S. Commissioner of Patents, The U.S. Department of Commerce, PATENT OFFICE, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., 20231

Dear Sirs/Madam,

Re: Patent Application Publication No. US 2005/0089994 A1

Publication Date: March 28, 2005

Title: PERITONEAL DIALYSIS SYSTEM

We hereby submit and must bring to your attention U.S. Patent No.6,228,047 in respect to the above recently published patent application.

We believe that U.S. Patent No. 6,228,047 should be considered as part of the prior art of the above-claimed subject matter. This issued patent teaches, for the first time, the art of using sensors to monitor the compositions of peritoneal dialysis fluid in the patient's peritoneal cavity during Dwell period and to optimize the treatment protocol accordingly. Specifically, we respectfully draw your attention to the following:

- 1. Column 11, lines 11-14, teaches the art of providing sampling port;
- 2. Column 9, lines 27-54, Column 10, lines 24-27, and Column 10, lines 42-45, all teach the art of using microprocessor to modify subsequent treatment parameters based on information gathered during Dwell period.

A copy of the aforementioned U.S. Patent No. 6,228,047, granted May 8,2001, is herewith enclosed for your consideration.

Copies of this submission and US Patent No. 6,228,047 have been sent to the authors of US 2005/0089994 A1 whose corresponding address is identified on the cover page of the published application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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